

March 5, 2007

Re: 180 and 35-Day Rules Regarding POST Training Certification

To Whom it May Concern,

It was brought to my attention on February 15th, at the last POST Council meeting, that there have been an excessive number of requests to the Council for exceptions regarding the following:

- The **180 day rule**, pertaining to "**APPLICATIONS FOR OUT OF STATE AND OTHER COURSES REQUESTING POST CREDIT**" training credits (copied below from the application):

YOU MUST ATTACH THE FOLLOWING WITHIN 180 DAYS OF CLASS COMPLETION:

- A COPY OF THE COURSE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION
- COURSE OUTLINE
- INSTRUCTOR BIO'S
- STUDY GUIDE OR COURSE SYLLABUS FOR SELF INSTRUCTIONAL STUDY

- The **35 day rule**, pertaining to "**Certification requirements for regional courses presented or sponsored by law enforcement agencies**" (copied below from (click following Rule to view) ARM 23.14.412 (6)(a)):

**6) Certification requirements for regional courses presented or sponsored by law enforcement agencies are:**

**(a) Any law enforcement agency requesting certification of a regional training course that is not administered by the law enforcement academy must notify the law enforcement academy administrator not less than 35 days before the commencement of the course. There shall be no retroactive certification of any agency sponsored regional training programs;**

As a result of excessive agencies and/or individuals not submitting their applications in a timely manner, the Council was forced to make the following ruling:

**Effective July 1, 2007, there will be no more exceptions of the 180 and 35-day rules granted by the POST Council. Applications where these rules apply must be submitted in a timely manner by the proper deadline or they will not be accepted. If there are verifiable exigent circumstances where an agency or individual determines that they must request an exception by the Council, the actual Agency Head (Chief, Sheriff, Colonel, etc.) will be required to appear in person at the next scheduled POST Council meeting to argue their case. An argument by other than the actual Agency Head will not be accepted.**

I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you but due to the consistent abuse of these rules by some agencies and/or individuals, this mandate has become necessary. I assure you that the POST Council and I will continue to work hard, while keeping the best interests of the public safety community foremost in our minds, to ensure that all of your needs are met.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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